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The principal's domain has been increasingly shaped by demands for accountability, by student activism and teacher collectivism, and by increased administrative centralization. Principals need to know their legal rights and responsibilities in order to survive in the principalship. This book was designed to serve as a practice primer for the school principal. Chapters address the following topics: from office to courtroom, employment security, student discipline and control, liability for student injury, the principal's right and duty to communicate, collective bargaining, and the principal's right and duty to evaluate teachers. Each chapter presents answers to frequently asked questions and outlines the main points of relevant cases. Guidelines for complying with copyright laws are offered in the appendix. A table of cases, an index, and amendments to the United States Constitution are included. (LMI)

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